

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (original) Apparatus for remote inspection of emergency equipment in installed positions at one or a system of emergency equipment stations, said apparatus comprising:  
a detector located at a emergency equipment station for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station; and  
an electronic circuit in communication between the detector and a remote central station for issue of a signal to the remote central station upon detection of the obstruction to viewing of or access to the emergency equipment station.
2. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes a fire extinguisher station.
3. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes a fire alarm pull station.
4. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes a defibrillator station with a portable defibrillator.
5. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes an emergency lighting station and the obstruction to viewing acts as an obstruction to operation for illumination.
6. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to the remote central station upon detection of the obstruction.

7. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 6, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

8. (original) The apparatus of remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the obstruction is disposed within a range of about 6 inches to about 10 feet from the emergency equipment station.

9. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector initiates a signal from the electronic circuit to another emergency equipment station upon detection of the obstruction.

10. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 9, wherein the signal includes a wireless signal.

11. (original) The apparatus of remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector comprises a proximity sensor.

12. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an acoustic signal transmitter and an acoustic signal detector.

13. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an ultrasonic transducer.

14. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an electromagnetic signal detector.

15. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an electromagnetic signal transmitter and an electromagnetic signal detector.

16. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an optical signal transmitter and an optical signal detector.

17. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 11, wherein the proximity sensor comprises an infrared signal transmitter and an infrared signal detector.

18. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit is further adapted to issue a signal to the remote central station and to receive another signal from the remote central station.

19. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 18, wherein the issued signal includes a wireless signal.

20. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to the remote central station.

21. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a wireless signal receiver for receiving a wireless signal from the remote central station.

22. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a signal from another emergency equipment station.

23. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a receiver for receiving a wireless signal from another emergency equipment station.

24. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a signal to another emergency equipment station.

25. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the electronic circuit further comprises a transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to another emergency equipment station.

26. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the emergency equipment station includes an emergency egress station.

27. (original) The apparatus for remote inspection of claim 1, wherein the detector is included in a housing separated from the emergency equipment.

28. (new) An emergency equipment station comprising:  
a portable defibrillator;  
a detector for detection of a removal of the defibrillator from an installed position; and  
circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

29. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 further comprising:  
a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

30. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 29 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

31. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

32. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

33. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 28 further comprising:  
one or more batteries for supplying power to the portable defibrillator; and  
a detector for detecting a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries.

34. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 33 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

35. (new) An emergency equipment station comprising:  
a portable defibrillator;  
one or more batteries that supply power to the portable defibrillator;  
a detector for detecting a low battery condition of one or more of the batteries; and  
circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station upon detection of a low battery condition.

36. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station comprises:

a wireless transmitter for transmitting a wireless signal to a remote station upon detection of removal of the defibrillator from its installed position.

37. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 wherein the circuitry for transmitting a signal to a remote station is configured to interface with a hardwire connection that is in communication with the remote station.

38. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 35 further comprising:

a detector for detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.

39. (new) The emergency equipment station of claim 38 wherein the circuitry is configured to transmit a signal to the remote station upon detection of the presence of an obstruction to viewing of or access to the portable defibrillator.